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Veteran Citizens Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB)

Meeting Summary

March 15, 2012 2-4 p.m.

Foster Library - Tukwila

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Doug Hoople at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Stan Gunno, Doug Hoople - Chair, Cynthia Lefever - Vice-Chair, Robert Stephens, Jr.

Board Members Excused/Absent: Oren Hadaller, Kathy Lewis, Roger Welles, Bill Wood

King County Staff Present: George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Debora Gay, DCHS; Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Linda Peterson, DCHS

Guests: Emily Yette, PHSKC

Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

Doug welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves.

Implementation Plan Review

Activity 1.5 C Emerging Programs for Justice Involved Veterans – Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) – Debora Gay, Marcy Kubbs

It was reported that the Implementation Plan for this activity that was reviewed by the VCLOB at the February and March board meetings, had been posted on the Levy's website for public comment for two weeks and received no comment. The VCLOB approved the implementation plan and the board's letter to Executive Constantine and County Council Chair Gossett supporting this activity.

Levy Closeout Process – Debora Gay

Due to delayed start-up of the previous levy, some funds were unspent by the end of 2011. Debora Gay shared with the board that at the April joint board meeting they will be asked for their priorities for the use of these carryover funds. The King County Executive is currently

reviewing options and it is hoped that staff can share his thoughts on these carryover funds at that time.

To prepare the boards for this discussion Debora reviewed the structure of the levy and how each of the activities' performance measures have been designed to help support the three Levy goals that are:

- Prevent and reduce homelessness
- Reduce unnecessary criminal justice and emergency medical system involvement
- Increasing self-sufficiency for veterans and vulnerable populations.

During the April Board meeting, the Levy Evaluation Team will present their evaluation plan for the new Levy which will help explain the how activities support the overarching goals of the levy.

Debora provided a spreadsheet listing the Levy activities, funds allocated and the agencies providing the services. This will be updated as needed and shared with the board to document the ongoing implementation of the new levy.

Discussion

- Board members had numerous suggestions and questions about the allocation amounts and whether sufficient dollars were allocated to specific programs.
- Board members would like to see an updated housing spreadsheet and receive information on the number of housing units the levy has helped support.
- It was suggested that staff make site visits to Levy-funded programs to verify the work of the contractors. Debora commented that a recent LEAN process was conducted by the Community Services Division on its contracting process. It is hoped that as a result the contracting process will be simplified, providing program managers more time to conduct site visits. Any board members interested in visiting an agency for a visit should contact Marcy.

Aerospace & Veterans Employment & Training Proposal – George Dignan

King County's Employment and Education Resources team, in conjunction with the King County Aerospace Alliance has developed a proposal to train King County residents for jobs that are coming available in the aerospace industry. Boeing is currently hiring about 500 people per month and it is predicted that up to an additional 400 new jobs may be available with Boeing suppliers. Given the tough economic times, this represents a great opportunity to obtain higher wage jobs to increase individual's and families' self-sufficiency.

The Aerospace and Veterans Employment and Training Initiative will increase the capacity of WorkSource Renton and the WorkSource Downtown Affiliate to expedite client's access to training needed to acquire these jobs. It is envisioned that the WorkSource Renton would be the hub to feed the hiring expansion which with the co-located King County Veterans Program (KCVP) will help make the opportunity available to returning veterans. The initiative would bring together resources from King County, the Workforce Development Council, Community and Technical Colleges, Employment Security Department and community based organizations who are partners at WorkSource Renton.

The proposal has two main objectives including:

1. Support the King County Aerospace Alliance by training the next generation of aerospace workers with the skills necessary to fill the hiring demands for aerospace related companies in King County and;
2. Coordinate priority access and preparation for aerospace related, self-sufficient careers for Veterans and other vulnerable populations at risk of homelessness.

Discussion

- Consider developing information sessions for Boeing's Human Resources Department and managers on this initiative.
- Levy-funded providers should be educated about this resource should this proposal be funded.

Review of Meeting Summary

The February 22, 2012 VCLOB meeting summary was approved as written.

Chairs Report – Douglas Hoople, Chair

Stan Gunno and Doug Hoople attended the Imagine Housing's Francis Village Opening. This projected added an additional 60 units of housing.

"The Welcome", the movie that Cynthia shared with the VCLOB at their February board meeting will be shown at Interfaith Church in Ballard. If you are not using the DVD of the movie that you received from Cynthia, please be sure to return it.

Staff Report – Marcy Kubbs/Debora Gay

- The Veterans Training Support Center (VTSC) is hosting additional workshops on "Better Serving Those Who Served." Details on the workshop are available on their website whose address is: <http://www.veteranstrainingsupportcenter.org/>.
- Work on the 2011 Levy Annual Report is underway.
- The first meeting of Veterans Levy-funded providers was held on February 29, 2012. Providers had an opportunity to meet one another, learn about the services each provides and brainstorm the benefits of levy services and challenges that remain for the levy. Details of the outcomes of this meeting were distributed to board members.
- The next meeting will be a joint board meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 26th.

Old Business

- Board members wondered if there is a need to review the subcommittee structure.
- Cynthia would like information on the status of the advisory committee associated with Levy Activity 3.2, Veteran and trauma competency training. It was suggested this be included as part of the upcoming discussion on Activity 3.2.

New Business

- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers stay with the veteran. As a result, if there is a marital dispute and the veteran leaves the home, the family loses their

housing. It was suggested this issue be researched and ways explored to assist families that might find themselves in this predicament. Linda Peterson and Debora Gay will take this question to the Five Year Plan to End Homelessness for Veterans group.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

- Robert shared his concern that Metro is cutting historical bus routes that connect our veterans to the VA. Contact Robert for more information.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.